



## **Minutes Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns March 7, 2016**

Minutes of the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS meeting held on Monday, March 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Board Room, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

### **MEMBERS Present:**

Chair Irene Mochel  
Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz  
Ben Campbell  
Kim W. Fisher  
Rachel Phillips (on Phone)  
Tom Ringhofer  
Jeff Oats

### **MEMBERS Absent:**

Wendy Benz  
Diane Moran

### **Guests:**

None

### **Diversity Staff Present:**

Michele Stokes, ADA Compliance Specialist

**Chair Irene Mochel** called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

### **Public Appearances**

None

### **Item 1 - Consideration of Minutes MCDC – February 1, 2016 Minutes**

The February 1, 2016 CDC Minutes were **APPROVED** with minor corrections.

Motion: **Tom Ringhofer**, Commissioner.

Second: **Jeff Oats**, Commissioner. **Motion carried.**

### **Item 2 – Mayor's Disability Awards Planning – Comm. Rachel Phillips**

Discussion was held on the status of the Disability Awards planning:

- Honorable Harry E. Mitchell confirmed as guest speaker
- Selection of the winners will be next Monday March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- Food items have been selected with consideration for vegan selections.
- Funds raised through sponsorships will cover the cost of food.
- The awards were publicized in the Tempe Today publication.
- A reminder email blast was sent regarding deadlines.
- All awards will be secured from a vendor in Tempe who is on contract.
- Accommodation arrangements have been made for CART, ASL Interpreter, and Braille.

Discussion was held on the food choices and set up arrangements. Event information is on line at [www.tempe.gov/disabilityawards](http://www.tempe.gov/disabilityawards). The event will be on April 12, 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts, Lakeside Room. Registration is required.

**Item 3 – Discussion and possible action regarding Technology and Information Access for Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities – Comm. Kim W. Fisher**

Commissioner Fisher summarized the information shared at last month's meeting on the Rights of People with Cognitive Disabilities to Technology and Information Access. Materials were included in Commissioner's folders on the declaration and efforts.

Ultimately it is hoped that the CDC will request the Mayor to issue a proclamation or declaration to facilitate information access as a city priority. Colorado and Maine have adopted this declaration, but as of yet no city in Arizona has done so. Tempe wants to be the first!

The commission has agreed to support this effort and after the Awards a work group will be selected to plan the effort and also determine how it fits in with City Council priorities. This will benefit all people with disabilities.

**Item 4 – Promoting Toilet Room Access – Comm. Tom Ringhofer**

Discussion was held on various strategies to publicize that toilet room access is for people with disabilities in some way. Discussion was held on adding additional signage on toilet room stalls but there are difficulties in implementation.

**Chair Irene Mochel** said that October is National Disability Month and a blurb in the Tempe Today on toilet room access, the job fair, and parking access would be helpful. A draft will be provided at the next meeting.

**Item 5 – Sharing Accomplishments with City Council – Chair Irene Mochel**

This item was deferred until next month, the accomplishments will be sent to city council prior to the Disability Awards.

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### **Item 6 – ADA Transition Plan Status – Vice Chair Paul Bennewitz**

The summary of the ADA self-evaluation was provided. A plan for public involvement will be generated to obtain comments from the public other commissions and disability organizations.

### **Item 7 – Announcements**

- Comm. Rachel Phillips announced completion of her Master's Degree.
- American Indian Disability Summit, March 17, 2016, flyer is enclosed.
- Next meeting: Presentation on City of Tempe Adapted Recreation by Sr. Recreation Coordinator Joshua Bell.

Motion to adjourn: **Commissioner Tom Ringhofer**

Second: **Commissioner Jeff Oats:** Approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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